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CHAPTER XVIII—HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

PART 1801—HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Program Regulations; Final Provisions

AGENCY: Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The following are the regulations governing the annual competition for Harry S. Truman Scholarships, as amended by the Board of Trustees of the Foundation on December 12, 1977. The purpose of these amended regulations is to delineate the requirements governing (1) extension of the Scholarship program into graduate study and (2) the work-experience program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 1978.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following regulations were first adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation on September 20, 1976 (41 FR 42666), and have been most recently amended with respect to graduate study and the work-experience program on December 12, 1977.

The Harry S. Truman Memorial Scholarship Act honors the thirty-third President of the United States by creating a perpetual education Scholarship program to help college students prepare for public service careers. The program was established as a living memorial to President Truman because of his high regard for the public trust, his lively exercise of political talents, his broad knowledge and understanding of the American political and economic system, and his strong desire for increased educational opportunities for young people.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation is authorized to award Scholarships to persons preparing for a career in public service. The Foundation has defined public service to mean participation in government, with emphasis on administration and management and on potential leadership ability. Careers at all levels and functions of government are specifically included in this definition.

The Foundation carries out an annual nationwide Scholarship competition for outstanding undergraduate college students who plan to follow careers in public service. Nominees for Truman Scholarships must specify in their application their interest in pursuing a career in public service and how their educational plans will prepare them for the chosen career goal. They should detail how the planned academic program will prepare for a specific career in government. Courses in history, political science, public administration, public policy, law, economics and finance, and international relations are among the types of studies considered by many educators to be appropriate in this connection. No such list of areas of study can be comprehensive or exhaustive, however, and applicants should feel free to offer other germane fields of study that they believe would help them prepare for a career in government.

The regulations set forth below govern the annual Scholarship competition. They are issued under the authority of the Harry S. Truman Memorial Scholarship Act, Pub. L. 93-642 (20 U.S.C. 2001-2012).

The amendments adopted to these regulations on December 12, 1977, are meant to deal in a comprehensive way with the graduate portion of the Truman Scholarship Program, typically the final two years of the maximum four years of support permitted under the Act. The amendments also deal with the work-experience program—a period of time not to exceed one year—during which Truman Scholars are encouraged to obtain practical experience working in a Federal, State, or local government office. The Foundation plans to assist Scholars in obtaining such employment.

The newly adopted amendments add a new Subpart D to the regulations, thus requiring the redesignation of existing Subpart D, subsequent subparts, and certain other provisions.

New Section 1801.30 states that only Truman Scholars who, among other things, satisfactorily complete their undergraduate education, are eligible for continued Foundation support for their graduate study. No separate competition will be conducted at the graduate level.

The purpose of new Section 1801.31 is to provide information on the procedures that a Truman Scholar must follow in order to obtain approval of his or her proposed program of graduate study. Foundation approval of the Scholar's proposal is required before financial support is granted for graduate work. Courses in history, political science, public administration, public policy, law, economics and finance, and international relations are among the types of studies considered by many educators to be appropriate for a career in government.

Section 1801.32 requires that Truman Scholars who pursue graduate work must enroll only at accredited colleges and universities that offer graduate degree work.

The new section 1801.33 explains the details of the work-experience program. All Truman Scholars without substantial prior government experience are encouraged to participate following their baccalaureate work and before beginning graduate study.

In addition to the new sections summarized above, three new terms have been added to the definitions governing the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program: "Graduate study," "Senior" and "Work-experience program."

Effective date: These regulations are effective February 1, 1978.

Dated: December 14, 1977.

ROBERT E. CLEARY,
Executive Secretary.
JOHN W. SNYDER,
Chairman, Board of Trustees.

Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended by establishing a new Chapter XVIII to read as set forth above and adding a new Part 1801, to read as follows:

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Subpart A—General

§ 1801.1 Annual Truman Scholarship competition.

Each year, the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation carries out a Nationwide competition to select students to be Truman Scholars.

§ 1801.2 Truman Scholars are selected from each State.

(a) At least one Truman Scholar is selected each year from each State in which there is a resident applicant who meets the eligibility criteria in § 1801.3.

(b) As used in this part, "State" means each of the States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and considered as a single entity: Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

§ 1801.3 Students eligible for nomination.

A student is eligible to be nominated as a Truman Scholar if he or she:

(a) Is a matriculated student purusing a degree at an institution of higher education during the year in which nominated;

(b) Will be a junior pursuing a bachelor's degree as a full-time student at an institution of higher education the following academic year;

(c) Has an undergraduate field of study that permits admission to a graduate program leading to a career in public service;

(d) Has an undergraduate average of at least "B" or its equivalent and ranks in the upper fourth of his or her class; and

(e) Is a national of the United States, or is in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and intends to become a permanent resident, or is a permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

§ 1801.4 Definitions.

As used in this part:

"Academic year" means the period of time, typically 8 or 9 months, in which a full-time student would normally complete two semesters, two trimester, three quarters, or the equivalent.

"Foundation" means the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

"Full-time student" means a student who is carrying a sufficient number of credit hours or their equivalent to secure the degree or certificate toward which he or she is working, in no more than the length of time normally taken at the institution of higher education.

"Graduate study" means courses of study beyond the baccalaureate level which may lead to an advanced degree.

"Institution of higher education" has the meaning given in section 1201(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1141(a)).

"Junior" means a student who has received credit for more than one-half of the coursework required to complete the second year of college, but not more than one-half of the coursework required to complete the third year of college.

"President" means the principal official responsible for the overall direction of the operations of an institution of higher education.

"Public service" means a career at any level or in any function of government.

"Resident" means a person who has legal residence in the State, recognized under State law. If a question arises concerning the State of residence, the Foundation determines, for the purposes of this program, of which State the person is a resident, taking into account parents' place of residence, eligibility for "in-State" tuition rates at public institutions of higher education, and place of registration to vote.

"Senior" means the academic level recognized by the institution of higher education as having fourth year standing.

"Sophomore" means the academic level recognized by the institution of higher education as having second year standing.

"Work-experience program" means employment approved by the Foundation that involves an intensive period of practical work in a Federal, State, or local government office.

Subpart B—Nominations

§ 1801.10 Nomination by institution of higher education.

To be considered in the competition, a student must be nominated by the institution of higher education that he or she attends.

§ 1801.11 Annual nomination.

(a) Except as provided in §§ 1801.12 and 1081.13, each institution of higher education may nominate one student annually.

(b) The nomination must be made by the President of the institution or the designated Faculty Representative, after the President asks for and considers recommendations by the faculty.

§ 1801.12 Institutions with more than one campus.

If an institution of higher education has more than one component separately listed in the current edition of the publication Education Directory: Colleges and Universities (published by the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare), each component of the institution may nominate one student. However, a component that is organized solely for administrative purposes and has no students enrolled may not nominate a student.

§ 1801.13 Two-year institutions.

If an institution of higher education does not offer education beyond the sophomore level, the institution may nominate only a student who will be a junior the following year at another institution of higher education.

§ 1801.14 Submission of application to the Foundation.

To nominate a student for the competition, the institution of higher education must send the student's application to the Foundation.

§ 1801.15 Faculty representative.

(a) Each institution which nominates a student or which has a Truman Scholar in attendance must give the Foundation the name, business address, and business telephone number of a member of the faculty who will serve as liaison between the institution and the Foundation.

(b) It is the role of this Faculty Representative to publicize the Truman Scholarship Program on campus, solicit recommendations of potential nominees from members of the faculty, and insure that the institution's nomination, with all required supporting documents, is forwarded to the Foundation by the required deadline.

§ 1801.16 Closing date for receipt of nominations.

The Foundation publishes an annual notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER of the date by which institutions of higher education must submit their nominations and all supporting documents in order to be guaranteed consideration by the Foundation.

§ 1801.17 Contents of application.

(a) The Foundation provides a form that must be used as the application.

(b) Each application must include the following:

(1) A statement that the student is an applicant for a Truman Scholarship;

(2) A statement that the student plans to pursue a career in public service;

(3) A list of the student's public service activities, such as those associated with government agencies, community groups, political campaigns, and charities;

(4) A list of leadership positions the student has held during high school and during the first two years of undergraduate school;

(5) A statement that the student is willing to participate in an internship or seminar sponsored by the Foundation;

(6) A statement of interest in a career in government, written by the student, that shows in some detail how the student's academic program and overall educational plans will prepare him or her for that chosen career; and

(7) Examination papers of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Qualifying Test completed by the student as provided under § 1801.18.

(c) In support of each nomination the following documents must also be submitted:

(1) An essay of 600 words or less written by the student that analyzes a particular public policy issue of interest to the student.

(2) Transcripts of the student's high school and undergraduate scholastic record; and

(3) Three letters of recommendation. One of these letters must be written by a faculty member in the student's field of study, and one must be written by another person who can speak to the student's potential for a career in public service.

§ 1801.18 Harry S. Truman Scholarship Qualifying Test.

(a) The Foundation provides the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Qualifying Test to each institution which nominates a student.

(b) The institution must administer the test in accordance with the instructions that accompany the test.

Subpart C—The Competition

§ 1801.20 Selection of semi-finalists.

The Foundation selects semi-finalists from the students who are nominated.

§ 1801.21 Evaluation criteria.

(a) The Foundation first selects the students from each State who receive the highest scores on the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Qualifying Test.

(b) The Foundation then selects semi-finalists from the students selected under paragraph (a) of this section on the basis of the following criteria:

(1) The extent to which the student has shown an outstanding potential for leadership in the public service; and

(2) The student's academic performance.

(c) The Foundation evaluates each student solely on the basis of the information required under § 1801.17.

§ 1801.22 Interview of student with regional review panel.

The Foundation invites each semifinalist to an interview with a Regional Review Panel.

§ 1801.23 Recommendation by panel.

(a) Each Regional Review Panel recommends two finalists from each State to the Foundation.

(b) The two finalists must be recommended by the Panel in the order of their qualification to be a Truman Scholar.

(c) The recommendations are based on the material required under Section 1801.17 and, as determined in the interview, the panel's assessment of each semifinalist's potential for leadership in government.

§ 1801.24 Further recommendations or nominations.

(a) The Foundation may ask a Regional Review Panel to submit the names of additional finalists for consideration, or may ask institutions of higher education to submit additional nominations.

(b) If additional nominations are made under paragraph (a) of this section, the applications must meet the requirements of Subpart B of this part, and are considered under the procedures of this subpart.

§ 1801.25 Selection of Truman Scholars by the Foundation.

(a) The Foundation names Truman Scholars after receiving recommendations from the Regional Review Panels.

(b) The Foundation also names an alternate for each Truman Scholar. The alternate receives the scholarship if:

(1) The person named as a Truman Scholar is not able to begin studies at the start of the following academic year, and

(2) Payments are not postponed under § 1801.54.

Subpart D—Graduate Study and the Work-Experience Program

§ 1801.30 Continuation into graduate study.

(a) The Foundation will not conduct a new and separate competition for graduate scholarships, nor will it add new Truman Scholars at the graduate level.

(b) Only Truman Scholars who satisfactorily complete their undergraduate education and who comply with Section 1801.31 shall be eligible for continued Foundation support for an approved program of graduate study.

§ 1801.31 Approval of graduate programs by the Foundation.

(a) Early in their senior year, Truman Scholars desiring Foundation support for graduate study must submit a proposed program of graduate study to the Foundation for approval. The proposed program may subsequently be changed with the approval of the Foundation.

(b) Foundation approval of the Scholar's proposal is required before financial support is granted for graduate work.

(c) Scholars must include in their submission to the Foundation a statement of interest in a career in government that specifies in some detail how their graduate program and their overall educational plans will prepare them for their chosen career goal.

(d) Scholars may offer relevant and appropriate fields of study that will help prepare them for a career in government.

§ 1801.32 Eligible colleges and degree programs.

(a) Truman Scholars at the graduate level may study at any accredited college or university that offers graduate study.

(b) They may enroll in any relevant graduate program, including masters of arts, masters of public administration, masters of business administration, law or doctoral study.

(c) Foundation support for graduate study is restricted to two full-time years of study.

§ 1801.33 The work-experience program.

(a) The Foundation encourages all Truman Scholars without substantial previous government experience to participate in a voluntary program of work experience in the public service. This would typically occur after the completion of the baccalaureate degree.

(b) These apprenticeships are intensive periods of practical work ranging up to a year in length in a Federal, State, or local government office arranged with the approval of the Foundation.

(c) Although the Foundation is not authorized to provide financial support during this period, it will attempt to assist Scholars to make appropriate work experience arrangements.

Subpart E—Amount of Payments to Students

§ 1801.40 Travel expenses of semi-finalists.

(a) Each semi-finalist may receive reimbursement for the actual and necessary expenses of round trip transportation to the location of the Regional Review Panel.

(b) The Foundation uses the Federal Travel Regulations (referenced in 41 CFR 101–7.003) as a guide to determine the amount of the reimbursement.

(c) The foundation informs semi-finalists of the procedures for obtaining this reimbursement.

§ 1801.41 Scholarship awards.

Each Truman Scholar receives annually $5000 or the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board, whichever is less.

§ 1801.42 Definition of "fee".

As used in this part, "fee" means a typical and usual non-refundable charge by the institution of higher education for a service, a privilege, or the use of property.

§ 1801.43 Allowance for books.

The cost allowed for a student's books is $180 per year.

§ 1801.44 Allowance for room and board.

The cost allowed for a student's room and board is the amount the institution of higher education reports to the College Scholarship Service as the average cost of room and board for the student's institution, given the type of housing the student occupies.

§ 1801.45 Deduction for benefits from other sources.

(a) The cost allowed for a student's tuition, fees, books, and room and board must be reduced to the extent that the cost is paid for by another organization.

(b) This section does not apply to benefits the student receives from the Veterans Administration.

Subpart F—Payment Conditions and Procedures

§ 1801.50 Acceptance of the scholarship.

To receive any payment, a Truman Scholar must sign an acceptance of the scholarship and submit it to the Foundation.

§ 1801.51 Report at the beginning of each term.

The Truman Scholar must submit the following material to the Foundation at the beginning of each term:

(a) A statement of the student's costs for tuition, fees, books, and room and board.

(b) A certification by an authorized official of the institution that the statement of those costs is accurate.

(c) A certification of the amounts of those costs that are paid for by another organization.

(d) A certification by an authorized official of the institution that the Truman Scholar:

(1) Is a full-time student and is taking a course of study, training, or other educational activities to prepare for a career in public service; and

(2) Is not engaged in gainful employment that interferes with the Scholar's studies.

(e) A certification by an authorized official of the institution of whether the Truman Scholar is in academic good standing.

(f) A certification by an authorized official of the institution that the institution makes continuing efforts to encourage the Truman Scholar to enter public service after completing his or her educational program.

§ 1801.52 Definition of "term".

As used in this part, "term" means the period which the institution of higher education uses to divide its academic year: Semester, trimester, or quarter.

§ 1801.53 Payment schedule.

The Foundation will pay the Truman Scholar a portion of the award after each report submitted under § 1801.51.

§ 1801.54 Postponement of payment.

(a) A Truman Scholar may request the Foundation to postpone one or more payments because of sickness or other circumstances.

(b) If the Foundation grants a postponement, it may impose such conditions as it decides are necessary.

Subpart G—Duration of Scholarship

§ 1801.60 Renewal of scholarship.

It is the intent of the Foundation to renew scholarship awards for a period not to exceed a total or four academic years (consisting of the junior year, the senior year, and up to two academic years of graduate study), only in accordance with the regulations established by its Board of Trustees, and subject to an annual review for compliance with the requirements of this part.

§ 1801.61 Termination of scholarship.

(a) The Foundation may terminate a scholarship under the following specific conditions:

(1) If the Truman Scholar does not meet the criteria in § 1801.51(e) for two consecutive terms, or

(2) If the Truman Scholar does not meet the criteria in § 1801.31, § 1801.51 (d) or § 1801.3(e).

(b) Before it terminates a scholarship under these conditions the Foundation gives the student notice and an opportunity to be heard with respect to the grounds for termination.

§ 1801.62 Recovery of scholarship funds.

If a scholarship is terminated or if the student resigns a scholarship, all scholarship funds which have not been spent or which the student may recover must be returned to the Foundation.

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